



Eugene Carollo

August 11, 1928 - September 3, 2023

Eugene "Gene" Carollo, 95, of Iron Mountain, died Sunday, September 3, 2023, at the Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson.

He was born August 11, 1928, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Bert and Anna (DeManicor) Carollo. Gene was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain and graduated from the Iron Mountain High School in 1946. He served in the Army Air Corps during the Korean War, served as the Michigan DNR Commissioner, and he helped build the Chamber of Commerce building, which he was very proud of.

Gene was a lifelong businessman and had a passion for land development. Among his projects were McDonalds, Midtown Mall, Wendys, Econo Foods, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and the Holiday Gas Station. He was a pioneer with his family in the local tourism business, which included Berts Motel and Gas Station, the Rancho Motel, and the Holiday Motel (the first motel in the area to have an outdoor pool) and the Mine Shaft Restaurant, all of Iron Mountain. He started the Treasure Cities Gift Shops throughout Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and seven Sandy's restaurants throughout the Midwest. He was the very proud owner of the Iron Mountain Iron Mine (Big John) in Vulcan, MI, which spawned iron mine attractions at the Minnesota, Illinois, and Massachusetts state fairs. He was instrumental with finding land to build the new Dickinson County Hospital.

He loved hunting, fishing and trapping. He had hunted all over the world, including Africa, China, and Russia.

He is survived by the love of his life of 46+ years, Judy Erickson and her daughter, Julie Ann Abraham-Crikelair; three sons, Gene Carollo, Dean Carollo, and Jim (Lisa) Carollo, all of Iron Mountain; two daughters, Kay Anne Timbrook of Kingsford and Karen (Tony) Secinaro of Iron Mountain; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gene is also survived by favorite nephew, Dennis Carollo, and special friends Paul Swanson and Emie Vivio.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, Albert (Jane) Carollo; grandson, Christopher Carollo; and son-in-law, Michael Timbrook.

At Gene's request, there will be no services. As per his wishes, donations may be given to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Condolences to the family of Eugene Roy Carollo may be expressed online at emashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ So sorry for your loss. Gene was a very interesting guy. He will be missed, Jim & Diane Ehmer

Diane Ehmer - September 13, 2023 at 08:24 AM

SP

“ My Deepest Sympathies to Judy and family for the loss of Gene. He had a great long life.



Susan Piatti - September 13, 2023 at 07:03 AM

CG

“ We are so sorry to hear about Gene. He was an amazing business man and community servant. It's hard to believe that he's gone since he has always contributed to all aspects of the community and veterans. Rest well now, Gene, your work is done.

Cynthia and Rod Gordon - September 11, 2023 at 11:48 AM

JF

“ To the family of Gene. My condolences and sympathy to you for your loss. A good man! He will be missed. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Jimmy and Winnie Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - September 09, 2023 at 09:50 PM

RL

“ Peace and strength to all of you!! It was a pleasure knowing Gene!! What a great business man!! Larry always talked about how much he appreciated him! Take care!!
Rebecca L.



Rebecca L - September 09, 2023 at 06:50 PM

SB

“ JUDY AND KIDS , IM SO SORRY TO HEAR GENE PASSED. HE WAS ALWAYS A LAUGH AND INTERESTING TO TALK TO. LOTS OF PRAYERS AND LOVE SENT YOU WAY..SALLY ROUSE..FRIEND OF JUDYS

Sally Badeau - September 09, 2023 at 01:22 AM

OW

“ Kayanne, Gene, Dean, Karen, Jim, and families, My sincere sympathy and prayers in the loss of your dad. My late husband Harlan often spoke of all the things he did for our area. What a gift to all of us who are fortunate to live here!
May the Lord comfort each of you as you keep the happy memories of your dad. keeping you in prayer.

Orice Theisen Walters

Orice Walters - September 08, 2023 at 11:52 AM

MT

“ Kay Anne, Gene and and all the family, I'm so sorry to hear about your father it's really hard to lose our dads. His memory will last forever in our hearts and in our minds. May he rest in peace



Mary Jo Trepanier - September 08, 2023 at 10:35 AM

JJ

“ *My condolences to the Carollo family. Gene was always helpful and encouraging to me as a young man. I have special memories of the private nickname he gave me and how good it felt when he addressed me by it. Sleep warm, Gene.*

Jason Julian - September 08, 2023 at 07:13 AM